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SUBJECT: APOLLO 17 LUNAR SAMPLE PRESENTATION

REFS: A) KABUL 4734; B) STATE 112903

1. RECENT AFGHAN COUP CAUSED POSTPONEMENT FINAL PRESENTATION LUNAR SAMPLE PLAQUE. (IT WAS PRESENTED SYMBOLICALLY TO NOE DEPOSED KING'S UNCLE AT JULY 4 RECEPTION AND RETURNED TO US JULY 5 FOR USE IN SPECIAL USIS DISPLAY SCHEDULED START JULY 17. COUP OCCURRED JULY 18.) CHANGE OF REGIME NOW OBSOLETE PLAQUE LABEL UNDER FLAG WHICH READS: "PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF AFGHANISTAN." IN VIEW OF ACTUAL CHANGES AND CHANGING ATMOSPHERICS, SUGGEST LABEL UNDER FLAG BE REWRITTEN TO READ:

"THIS FLAG OF YOUR NATION WAS CARRIED TO THE MOON ABOARD SPACECRAFT AMERICA DURING THE APOLLO XVII MISSION, DECEMBER 7, 1972. PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. RICHARD NIXON 1973."

WORDING OF PLAQUE UNDER LUNAR SAMPLE REQUIRES NO RPT NO CHANGE.

2. REQUEST NEW LABEL BE FORWARDED TO US ASAP. WE WILL HAVE NEW LABEL AFFIXED AND THEN MAKE FINAL PRESENTATION TO GOA AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

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